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SUBJECT: CHANCELLOR KREISKY ON BREZHNEV LETTER ON NEUTRON
- BOMB

1. IN SPECIAL INTERVIEW FRONTPAGED IN VIENNA'S "DIE
PRESSE" OF JANUARY 26, CHANCELLOR KREISKY ACKNOWLEDGED
RECEIPT IN RECENT DAYS OF LETTER FROM SOVIET LEADER
BREZHNEV WARNING OF POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF INTRODUCTION
OF NEUTRON BOMB IN EUROPE AND ASKING AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT
TO TAKE POSITION ON MATTER. KREISKY INDICATED THAT HE
WOULD RESPOND TO LETTER AS "MATTER OF COURTESY" AND "AFTER
CONSULTING WITH OTHER (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED) COUNTRIES."
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2. ON SUBSTANCE OF MATTER KREISKY STATED THAT "IT IS NOT
UP TO AUSTRIA TO TELL MEMBER NATIONS OF ALLIANCE SYSTEMS
WHAT TYPE OF ARMS THEY SHOULD HAVE. WE HAVE NEVER DONE SO
IN THE PAST, AND WILL NOT DO SO IN THE FUTURE." KREISKY
FURTHER STATED THAT HE WAS OF VIEW THAT MATTER IS ONE TO BE
SETTLED BY ALLIANCE SYSTEMS AND ESPECIALLY BY TWO SUPER-

POWERS DIRECTLY. ASKED ABOUT THE POSSIBLE IMPACT OF NEUTRON BOMB ISSUE ON DETENTE, HE RESPONDED THAT "VERY DANGEROUS WEAPONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN DEVELOPED ON EARLIER OCCASIONS."

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY, CHANCELLOR DECLINED TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF BREZHNEV LETTER OR TO COMMENT ON WHETHER HE THOUGHT THAT INTRODUCTION OF NEUTRON BOMB BY NATO WAS ATTEMPT TO BALANCE PREPONDERANT STRENGTH OF WARSAW PACT IN EUROPE. WOLF

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